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MEMORANDUM FOR: Christine Dodson (BY HAND)  
NSC Staff Secretary

SUBJECT : National Security Medal

1. Per your request for background information on the National Security Medal, the following is provided:

a. The National Security Medal was established by President Truman via Executive Order 10431 on 19 January 1953. Under that Executive Order's provisions, the National Security Medal may be awarded by the President (or by such persons as he may designate) for "distinguished achievement or outstanding contribution" in the field of "intelligence relating to national security." The implementing regulations for the National Security Medal, also approved by President Truman on 19 January 1953, provide that the contribution of recipients of the award should consist of "exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility."

b. Attached at Tab A is the notification I received from the NSC with regard to an NSM for Mr. Bush.

c. The Executive Order establishing the NSM is attached at Tab B.

d. Those who have previously received the NSM is reflected in Tab C.

e. A draft citation for our current purpose will be provided next week. Upon your approval, the citation and the NSM certificate are printed here and returned to you with the engraved medal.

2. Upon notification of the President's approval, the scheduling mechanism that exists between the DCI and the President's office takes over with regard to presentation and invited guests. If there is any more data that would be useful, please let me know.



B. C. Evans  
Executive Secretary

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## Attachments:

As stated

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